CANTON.

G. H. Clayton made a three days' visit in Alliance this week.

Louis E. Hood came in from the west this week and says he will drop into winter quarters now.

Otis Bass and his sister, Mrs. W. A. Randall, in company with Mrs. Curtis made a business trip to Hemingford

Ground-hog day, (the 2nd inst,) was observed here and many predict an early spring, as Mr. hog couldn't see his photo.

An evangelist in person of Mr. J. H. Clay of Norfolk comes from Carpenter to this place and is holding church service this week

The whooping cough is still raging in this vicinity-Misses Myrtle and Edith Broshar are wrestling with the above disease, and Miss Edith has been very sick this week.

The little singing social which was held at J. W. Broshar's Sunday evening by the singing class of Canton was well attended and some good music, both vocal and instrumental, was the

A few of our citizens met Monday and did some work on the church in the way of remodeling the foundation and building the chimney some higher. B. C. Curtis being in charge of the mason gang on the chimney work.

Quite a number of our ranchmen have lost several head of cattle since the Bass boys.

and it is said that the third time is the establishment of M. E. Smith & Co. of ringin'?" for it is said the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.

St. Valentine's day is near at hand and the young bloods around here are anticipating on sending out a goodly number of pretty ones. Look out, girls. You may be the one to get a nice valentine, and now allow the writer to quote a verse of poetry: It is said that absence conquers love.

But we believe it not For we have tried its power to prove And our best girl won't be forgot.

MARSLAND.

C. E. McGogy is sick with a cold at this time.

visitor Monday.

C. H. Richey made a trip to Hemingford on Friday.

C. E. Hollibaugh was a Crawford visitor on Monday.

E. E. Harmer transacted business in Crawford on Monday.

Ardmore last Friday.

C. E. Hollibaugh made a flying trip to Lexington last week.

Dr. Eikner of Hemingford has been

attending Frank Moore in his sickness. Mrs. Humphrey Kendrick and baby daughter came down from Crawford on Saturday night.

Peter Allison left on Monday night for Iowa, his former home, where he will remain indefinitely.

Willett Miller and Morris Mingle, both Belmonters, stayed at the Commercial last Monday night.

Will Hollinrake of Hemingford was in town Saturday exchanging compliments with some of our lassies.

Mrs. Wirtz, Lama Squibb, Edna and Lucile Byers, Doris and Baby Gregg are all undergoing chickenpox. E. T. Gregg and sons purchased the

ice on John Huges' irrigation pond and shipped out several cars last week.

Dr. Miller came up from Alliance on Friday to minister to Mrs. Ed Mason of Thirty-three ranch who is very sick. C. E. McGogy has leased a quarter

section of land belonging to the Lin-N. G. Poole has added two quarter

sections to his range by purchasing the farm of W. H. Thomas and the Mover-Mr. and Mrs. Logan, who were here

to attend the Keane-Shimek nuptials. returned to their home at Ashby on Friday night. Rev. C. E. Connell of Hemingford

preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday night to a very appreciative audience.

Robert Mewhirter of Hulette, Wyo .. a former resident of this vicinity, made proof upon his timber culture in 28-29-51 grass and weeds, he placed it inside the before Judge Babcock at his office in Crawford on the 2nd inst.

Frank Moore, who has been having an attack of smallpox, is better at this time. It is hoped that his handsome face will not be greatly disfigured and he has doubtless concluded that he had better have been vaccinated.

The recent action of the Dawes county commissioners caused the supporters of crime and indecency to receive something of a "knock out" when their claims against the county for mileage. time, etc., were rejected and throwa

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF BOX BUTTE COUNTY.

Funds	Balance July 1,'02		Disburse ments	Com- mis- sion	Balance
State Taxes School Land Lease Sounty General Sounty Bridge Sounty Road Sounty Road Sounty Poll Taxes S	189 53 8,726 11 165 54 16 52 33 06 54 00 42 30 42 30 537 45 2,840 97 319 90 15 72 8,069 71 2,217 60 15 72	1 116 75	102 25	25 15 12 51 6 50 97 01 80 95	\$ 38% 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56 56
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In above statement the sum of \$2.2st.00 which was transferred from the various county funds to the County General fund is included in receipts of General fund and disbursements of other funds. The total balances in State funds were remitted to state treasurer on January 6, so will not appear in next report.

I, Alex Mulrhead, treasurer of Box Butte county, Nebraska, do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct statement of all moneys received and paid out by me from July 1, 1982, till December 31, 1982, and balances on hand January 1, 1983, as shown by the records of this office.

ALEX MURHEAD, County Treusurer.

Subscribed adn sworn to before me this 29th day of January, 1983.

D. K. SPACHT, County Judge.

Mrs. Augusta Lytle came down from Chadron on Monday night and will our last writeup, among the losers are visit relatives and friends at this place the Bass brothers, C. W. Lockwood for a few days, after which she will go and Mr. Snow of Alliance, who has to her home in Missouri to remain with almost a hundred head in the care of an invalid sister. Mrs. Lytle was one of the pioneers of Box Butte county Yes, we told you so. Last week we but of late years has acted in the capamade mention of the third wedding city of head saleslady in the dry goods charm. We learn that the eards are Chadron. By her industry and indomout and the time is set for March 1, itable will she has proven what one "Don' you heah dem wed'ng bells a- woman can do, even in the west, and her friends, which number many, are sorry to see her depart; but she is of the best wishes of all go with her.

PARIS PAWNSHOPS.

Way They Are Poor Places to Get Loans on Stolen Watches.

Of watches alone there are received here and at the twenty-two branch of fices from a thousand to twelve hundred a day, about 350,000 in a year, the average loan on a watch being 30 or 40 francs. The official assured me that in this great number of watches scarcely one in a thousand has been stolen, the fact being that people who have come dishonestly by watches or other property fight shy of the mont de plete. John Sullenberger was a Crawford The reason of this was presently made plain as we watched the formalities of record, and I realized how difficult it would be for any one to do business here under a concealed identity. Every client receiving a loan greater than 15 francs must produce some official document-an insurance policy, a citizen's voting card, a permit to carry arms or T. E. Hunsaker visited his brother at throwing light upon his station in life. t rent receipt bearing his signature and For loans under 15 francs the client is simply required to show an envelope through the mails to his address. All these facts, with various others, are duly inscribed upon huge record sheets, so that whoever deals with the mont de plete exposes himself to the scrutiny that must be ungrateful to folks of shady antecedents. Indeed, certain persons make this a grievance against the mont de piete and declare the Paris system an impertinent intrusion upon a client's privacy, which would seem a point badly taken if the client is an bonest man. - Cleveland Moffett on Paris Pawnshops in Century.

Cards Disclose the Man. "I wish I had not played bridge with Mr. X.," said a girl recently. "I thought him so nice before, and now my liking for him has quite gone. He was so keen about trifles, insisted upon every forfelt, questioned the score and seemed so annoyed when he lost, and yet the stakes were very small, and he was only out a few dollars; so, of course, it was not the money. It must coming out under provocation, and the test did not show him up to advantage. Now, Mr. Z., the other man at the table, was so good natured and such a coin Town Site Co. adjoining town on gentleman in his play that I quite like him, although I never thought him at-

tractive before," All games of competition may be said to assay certain characteristics, but the most crucial test seems to be card playing and bridge is responsible for many a coolness resulting from self betrayal at the green table.-New York

The Badger as a Fireman.

A badger which had made its home among the granife cliffs dealt with the fire god with sagacity and skill, says Nature. A friend, while painting a sea piece, discovered a badger's lair and thought to play the animal a practical joke. Gathering together a bundle of mouth of the hole and, igniting it with a match, waited for the ignominious flight of the astonished householder. But Master Badger was a resourceful animal and not disposed to be made a butt of practical jokers. He came up from the depths of his hole as soon as the penetrating smoke told him that there was a fire on the premises and deliberately scratched earth on the burning grass with his strong claws until all danger was past. No human being could have grasped the situation more quickly or displayed greater skill in dealing with an unfamiliar event.

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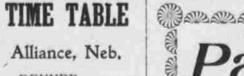
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